MINUTES OF THE EIGHTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

COLDWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH
EUDORA CHURCH, DESOTO COUNTY
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY
OCTOBER 12 AND 13

1921

OFFICERS

Moderator	J. L. PRICE
Clerk	J. S. BARNETT
Treasurer	CHAS. P. DOCKENY
Preacher	J. L. PRICE
Preacher of Doctrinal Sermon	F. W. ROTH

The Next Session of the Association Will be Held with State Line Church at Olive Branch, Mississippi, on Wednesday, September 5th, and 6th, 1922.

PROCEEDINGS

First Day—Morning Session.

Eightieth Session of the Coldwater Baptist Association was held with the Eudora Baptist Church, beginning October 12, 1921, at 10 o'clock.

On opening, Devotional service was conducted by the retiring Moderator, W. L. House.

The letters were called for and referred to a committee on the Digest of Letters to report at a later hour during the Association.

A permanent organization was entered into by electing the following officers: Moderator, J. L. Price; Clerk, J. S. Barnett; Treasurer, Chas. P. Dockery.

Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Order of Business: C. E. Emerson, T. P. Flynn and J. B. Riley.

On Finance: A. P. Merriweather, Z. H. Nail, George Thomas.

Sermon by F. W. Roth, Deut. 29-29.

Motion to adjourn for one hour.

Afternoon Session.

Devotional exercises by J. R. G. Hewlett.

Report of committee on arrangements adopted.

Committee on nomination appointed as follows: J. Briganee, J. B. Riley, Hugh Foster.

Report on Tri-State Hospital read by Mr. T. P. Flynn. Discussed by Dr. M. D. Jeffries, Dr. A. L. Emerson and J. W. Lee and adopted.

Report on Sunday School prepared and read by Hugh Foster. Discussed by Hugh Foster, B. F. Whitten and C. E. Emerson and adopted.

Report on Orphanage. Read by T. P. Flynn. Discussed by J. R. G. Hewlett and adopted.

Report on Christian Education. Read by Z. H. Nail. Discussed by J. R. G. Hewlett, J. W. Lee and Dr. A. L. Emerson. Adopted.

After due announcements this session closed with prayer by W. L. House.

Night Session.

After song and prayer report on B. Y. P. U. work read by Miss Nina Nail. Discussed by W. L. House. Adopted.

Doctrinal sermon preached by J. W. Lee.

On motion Bro. Lee was asked to reduce this sermon to writing and present to the Baptist Record for publication.

The Association recognized the following visitors:

J. R. G. Hewlett, Enlistment Secretary of our State Board.

Dr. M. D. Jeffries of the Tri-State Hospital.

W. L. House, W. E. Lee, J. W. Lee, B. F. Whitten and Frank Solomon. Mrs. M. F. Doughty.

Adjourned.

Prayer by J. W. Lee.

Second Day's Session.

Devotional exercises conducted by F. W. Roth.

Report on Laymen's Work read by L. P. Janey. Discussed by L. P. Janey, Dr. Gunter and adopted.

Report on Mississippi Baptist Hospital. Read by J. R. G. Hewlett. Discussed by J. R. G. Hewlett, Dr. Gunter and adopted.

Report on Women's Work read by Mrs. A. L. Emerson. Discussed by Mrs. M. F. Doughty and adopted.

The Association recognized and welcomed Dr. Gunter, State Secretary.

The nominating committee made the following report:

Place of next meeting, State Line Church.

Time of meeting, Tuesday and Wednesday, September 5th and 6th, 1922.

Preacher of the Associational sermon, J. L. Price.

Doctrinal sermon, F. W. Roth.

Member of State Board, J. L. Price.

Messenger to Southern Baptist Convention, Chas. P. Dockery.

Z. H. Nail, Alternate.

Report on Publication was read by Dr. Gunter. Discussed by J. R. G. Hewlett and adopted.

Report on State Missions was read by F. W. Roth.

Home Missions, J. S. Barnett.

Foreign Missions, Chas. P. Dockery.

The three reports were discussed under one head by Dr. Gunter and adopted.

Dismissed with prayer by Dr. Gunter for one hour.

Afternoon Session—Second Day.

A letter was read from the Negro Institute at Hernando, Miss., asking for some consideration from this body.

A collection was made and $13.80 received for this object.

Report on Ministerial relief was read by Hugh Foster. Discussed by Dr. Gunter and adopted.

At this time J. R. G. Hewlett addressed the Association on Tithing.

Report on Temperance was read by Bro. Hewlett. Adopted without discussion.

Motion that the thanks of this body be extended to this community for their hospitality and to the Union Church for the use of their house for the women's meeting.

Report of Finance Committee read by C. P. Dockery and adopted.

Motion to allow the Clerk the sum of $25.00 for his service and postage.

Motion that the Clerk leave out the reports from the minutes.

Motion that the Clerk put into the minutes the minutes of the W. M. U. Meeting.

Journal read and adopted.

Motion to adjourn with prayer by C. E. Emerson.

MINUTES OF THE W. M. U. MEETING.

The W. M. U. of the Coldwater Association met with the Eudora Church on October 12th, at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. M. F. Doughty of Shaw, Miss., Vice-President of this the Second District presided.

The following officers were elected:

Mrs. M. C. Farington, Superintendent.
Mrs. Chas. Dockery, Young Peoples Leader.
Mrs. E. S. Nickles, Mission Study.
Mrs. A. L. Emerson, Personal Service.
Mrs. Mattie Burress, Stewardship Leader.
Mrs. J. E. Williams, Secretary.

These officers form the executive committee of the Coldwater Association. The duties of each was thoroughly discussed by Mrs. Doughty.

It is requested that three rallies be held during the ensuing year and at least one attend the District meeting.

The State officers are as follows:

Mrs. P. B. Bridges, of Jackson, Stewardship.
Mrs. Henry Broach, Meridian, Personal Service.
Mrs. H. J. Rea, Grenada, Mission Study Leader.
Miss Fannie Traylor, Young Peoples Leader.

The District officers are as follows:

Mrs. M. F. Doughty, Shaw, Vice President.
Mrs. Chas, Harrison, Charleston, Personal Service.
Mrs. H. B. Abernathy, Jonestown, Mission Study Leader.
Mrs. Carrie James Butler, Cleveland, Stewardship Leader.
Mrs. C. S. Wroten, Moorhead, Young Peoples Leader.

A committee on Publications will be appointed later by the Superintendent.

The standard of excellence for W. M. U. in Association was read by Mrs. Doughty and adopted; the standard is as follows:

1. An organization with Superintendent, Treasurer, Young Peoples Leader, Mission Study, Personal Service and Stewardship Leaders.

2. An Executive Committee appointed by the above officers.

3. A meeting of the Executive Committee each quarter.

4. A quarterly rally in each association.

5. All organizations sending in quarterly reports to Superintendents, Corresponding Secretary and Young Peoples Leader.

6. Two-thirds of officers of associational union, and one representative from each society present at annual meeting of association.

7. At least one representative from each church having a society present at annual District Rally.

8. A standing committee of publications having as their ideal the Baptist Record, Royal Service and Home and Foreign Fields, and many periodicals as possible in at least one-half of the homes in the association.

9. Every President and Leader a subscriber to the Baptist Record, Royal Service, Home and Foreign Fields.

10. An expense fund be provided for associational expenses. Unions attaining any six points placed in class C. Unions attaining eight points placed in class B. Unions allowing any ten points placed in class A, and on the Honor Roll.

FINANCIAL REPORT—DENOMINATIONAL OBJECTS.

CHURCHES	Seventy-Five Million Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Total Denominational Objects	Grand Total To All Objects
Eudora	$	$	$	$	$	$ 222.50	$1,125.50
Ebenezer	134.00				10.00	144.00	272.15
Center Hill		2.50	2.50	6.00	5.00	25.00	122.00
Gray's Creek	5.06					5.06	27.87
Hernando	1,661.00	15.00			120.00	1,796.00	4,027.38
Macedonia	10.00	10.00		10.00	11.25	54.60	106.60
New Prospect		5.00	15.00	5.00		25.00	
Oak Grove	534.70						854.95
Oak Hill	8.00					8.00	102.00
Trinity	22.00	30.00				52.00	125.31
State Line	635.18				95.41	748.50	2,063.07

FINANCIAL MINUTES OF THE COLDWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

	Minute Fund	Ass'n Missions
Oak Grove	$ 5.25	
Ebenezer	1.00	
Eudora	10.00	
Oak Hill	3.50	
Hernando	10.00	
Gray's Creek	1.50	
Center Hill	4.00	16.00
Macedonia	1.50	55.30
Trinity	3.00	30.00
New Prospect		*15.00
State Line	10.00	
	$49.75	$116.30

*Specified Home Missions.

FINANCIAL REPORT—HOME USES

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Visiting Ministers	Building and Repairs	Sunday School Expenses	Minutes and Clerk	Incidentals	The Poor	Other Objects	Total for Home Uses
Eudora	$ 750.00	$ 85.00	$	$ 30.00	$ 10.00	$ 18.00	$ 10.00	$	$ 903.00
Ebenezer	80.50	15.00	.....	6.00	1.00	7.65	.....	18.00	128.15
Center Hill	67.50	14.00	12.50	8.00	4.00	.....	.....	.....	106.00
Gray's Creek	.....	22.31	.....	7.03	1.50	.....	.....	.....	22.81
Hernando	1,500.00	100.00	3.00	120.38	10.00	60.00	.....	85.00	2,231.38
Macedonia	42.00	.....	.....	8.00	1.50	.50	.....	.....	52.00
New Prospect	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oak Grove	2.40	30.00	.....	30.00	5.25	15.00	.....	.....	320.25
Oak Hill	75.00	.....	.....	16.00	3.50	.....	.....	.....	94.00
Trinity	58.31	.....	.....	12.00	3.00	.....	.....	.....	73.31
State Line	1,000.00	131.50	.....	97.57	10.00	27.50	.....	48.00	1,314.57

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

CHURCHES	PASTOR	CLERK	Total Membership Last Year	INCREASE By Baptism	By Statement	By Letter	By Restoration	DECREASE By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death	Present Membership
Eudora	J. L. Price, Hernando	A. H. Drake, Hernando	160	10				4			168
Ebenezer	B. F. Whitten, Coldwater	L. W. Mosby, Love Station	78								78
Center Hill	J. E. Huff, Buntin, Tenn.	T. J. Brigance, Collierville, Tenn.	79	3		1			5		78
Gray's Creek	L. N. Cleveland, Love Station		8		6	6		1		1	82
Hernando	F. W. Roth, Hernando	Hugh Foster, Hernando						8		1	86
Macedonia	O. S. Pryor, Byhalia		88					1			86
New Prospect	P. A. Woods, Olive Branch		59					1		1	59
Oak Grove	J. L. Price, Hernando	S. H. Nall, Hernando						1			58
Oak Hill	J. L. Price, Hernando	Fannie Founders, Lake Cormorant	16	5		8		1			28
State Line	J. W. Lee, Batesville	W. H. McCargo, Olive Branch	145	4		8		1		1	149
Trinity	J. L. Price, Hernando	I. H. Couch, Hernando						8			141

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Macedonia	O. S. Pryor, Byhalia		82					1		1	80
New Prospect	P. A. Woods, Olive Branch		59					1			58
Oak Grove	J. L. Price, Hernando	Z. H. Nail, Hernando						4		1	43
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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. L. Price, F. W. Roth, J. N. Cleveland, John Williams.

LIST OF DEAD.

J. H. Ragsdale, George Anderson, G. W. Nail, W. W. Langston, A. W. Flynn, Mrs. Mary Ann Peevey, Mrs. Susie Brigance, Mrs. Dora Lee Sexton, Mrs. Mattie McCarver.

GENERAL CHURCH STATISTICS.

Number Churches in Association	11
Number Baptisms for year	30
Total Church Membership	957
Value of all Church Property	$18,200.00

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Number Sunday Schools in Association	8
Total Enrollment	318
Number Officers and Teachers	48
Number of Baptisms from Sunday Schools	10

B. Y. P. U. STATISTICS.

Number of B. Y. P. U. in Association	2
Total Membership	58

W. M. U. STATISTICS.

Number of Missionary Societies in Association	3
Total Membership	60
Number of Circles	1
Number of Tithers	2

FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

Contribution to Local Church Expenses	$3,811.31
Building and Repairs	312.50
All Other Local Expenses	1,417.76
Contribution to the 75 Million Campaign	8,851.13
Special Gifts to Outside Benevolence	120.00

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CONSTITUTION OF COLDWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the Coldwater Baptist Association of Mississippi.

Article 2. The purpose of this Association shall be that the churches composing it may take counsel together through their representatives, as to the best and most efficient means of advancing the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ; to receive and perpetuate information concerning the statistical, financial and spiritual condition of the churches; to suggest and advise as to the best means of promoting the interests of all institutions fostered by the Baptists of Mississippi, and to more closely unify the work of the churches.

Article 3. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot, at each meeting of the Association, each accredited delegate to be entitled to a vote.

Article 4. The duties of the Moderator shall be t ocall the meeting to order, to preside over the deliberations of the body when in session, to appoint such committees as may be necessary and to discharge all the duties usually required of the presiding officer of deliberative bodies.

Article 5. The duties of the Clerk shall be to receive and file all letters or other communications delivered to him by the messengers, to faithfully record the proceedings of the Association, and to prepare and have printed and distribute all committee reports, statistical tables and such other proceedings and information as may be deemed useful and helpful to the churches, and to preserve all permanent records of the Association.

Article 6. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to receive all money that may be sent up by the churches or otherwise contributed, to disburse the same under the instructions of the Association in accordance with the purposes for which said money was designed.

Article 7. The meeting of this Association shall be held annually at such time and place as may be designated by the members when in session, provided, that in the event any annual meeting shall not be held at the time or place as designated, then the officers of the Association may name a time and place for the meeting.

Article 8. This Association shall be composed of messengers chosen by the several churches among their own members, who shall present letters of correspondence from their respective churches showing their election as messengers, the number of members in fellowship, the number received during the preceeding year by baptism, by letter, by restoration, the number dismissed by letter, excluded, suspended or died, and the amounts contributed by the church to all objects during the year.

Article 9. Each church within the bounds of this Association shall b entitled to three messengers until its membership exceeds fifty, and on messenger for each additional fifty members or fractional part thereof.

Article 10. Churches of this Association failing to have a representative at any meeting will be expected to state the reason for such failure at the next meeting, and if any church shall fail for three consecutive meetings to have a representative, the Association may consider it dropped from the roll of membership, or may send a committee to inquire into the state of the church, as the Association may deem advisable.

Article 11. Other Baptist churches may be admitted to this union by signifying their desire to do so, by messengers and letters, provided they be deemed orderly and orthodox, and are willing to walk in fellowship with us.

Article 12. The funds necessary for the expenses of the Association, such as printing minutes, paying the Clerk and other incidental expenses, shall be furnished by voluntary contributions, and the churches are advised to send by their messengers to each annual meeting a contribution for such purposes.

Article 13—

Article 14. This Association shall not legislate for the churches, or adopt any rules or regulations inconsistent with the independence of the churches, but may advise churches, or may separate from such as are known to walk disorderly.

Article 15. Any church of this Association having a difficulty which it cannot settle, may present the same to the Association for suggestion and advice. Such cases must be presented in the letter of correspondence stating the reasons why it cannot be settled by the church.

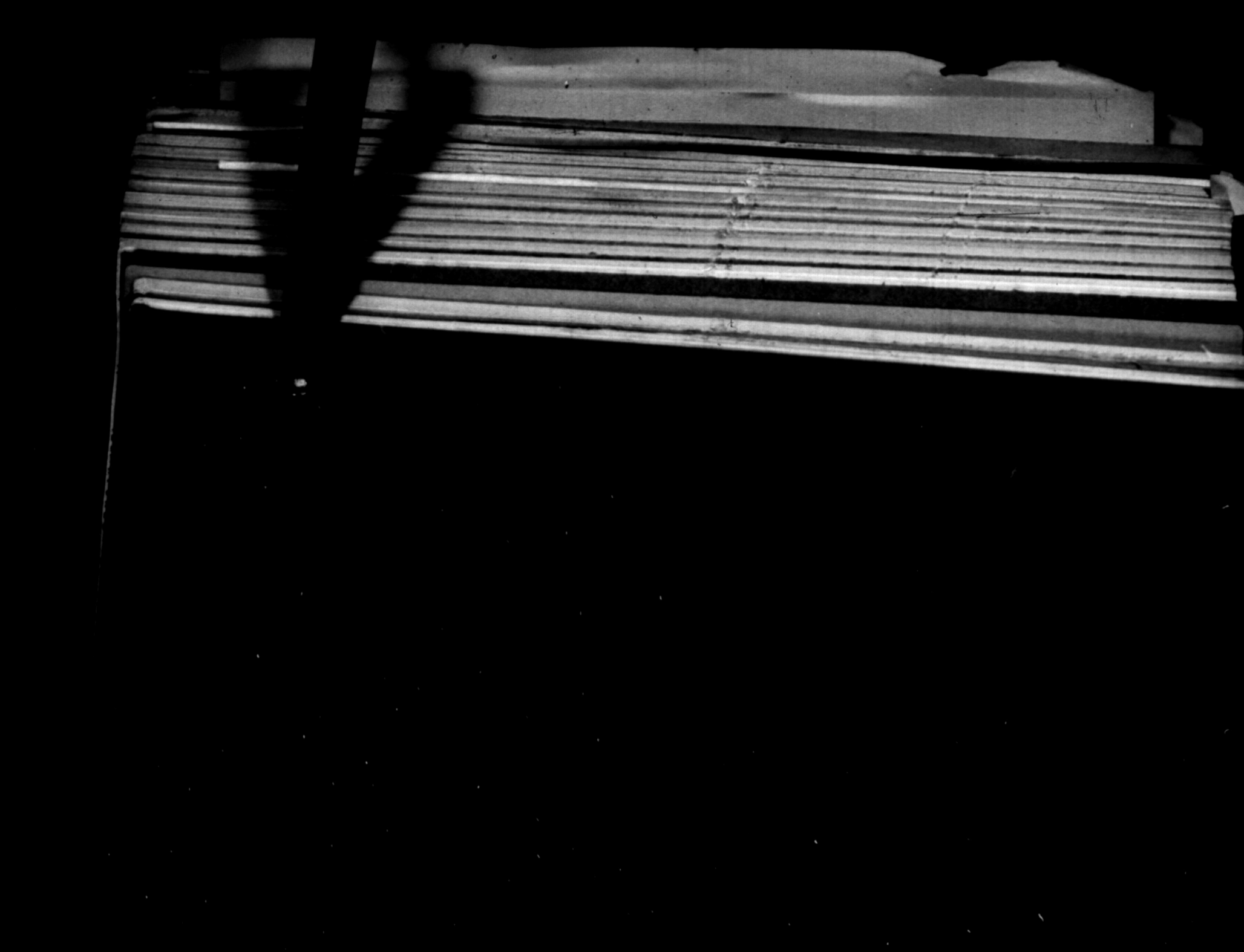
Article 16. This Association may correspond by letter and delegates with the Baptist State Convention of Mississippi, and such other Associations as it may deem conductive to the interest of the kingdom of our Lord.

Article 17. This Association shall not receive for discussion or action from any source, any query or other matter which shall have a tendency to disturb the harmony of this body.

Article 18. At each annual meeting of this body, it shall be the duty of the Moderator by and through the recommendation of the churches, and by and with the advice and consent of the Association, to appoint an Executive Committee, to be composed of one member from each church composing this body, and to name from the members so chosen a chairman whose duty it shall be to call the members together and to preside during their deliberations.

Article 19. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to meet at least once each year, to inquire into the needs of the churches composing

this Association, as to financial aid, to recommend to the Convention Board of the Baptist State Convention such appropriations to needy churches as may be deemed necessary or advisable and to report their proceedings to each annual meeting of the Association.

Article 20. The minutes of the proceedings of the Association shall be read for correction and information and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before final adjournment, and no meeting shall be adjourned until the business has been finished.

Article 21. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of this body, by a majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting.